Amendments to the Specification:

In the Title:

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten title:

-- WELDING WIRE CONTAINER --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--An upper end of the outer shell 110 is rolled down into the outer shell 110 by using the upper seam-welded steel fixture 130a, and a lower end of the outer shell 110 is ~~roll up~~ rolled up into the outer shell 110 by using the lower seam-welded steel fixture 130b to form a fitting projection 132 so that the circular base plate 120 may not slip downward. Also the conventional welding wire container 100 includes an inner shell 140 within the outer shell 110. A steel disk 142 is pushed into a lower opening of the inner shell 140, and bonded thereto via a high-strength adhesive. Then the steel disk 142 has been bonded to the circular base plate 120 via the high-strength adhesive or coupled to the circular base 120 via a bolt 144a and a net 144b so as to fix the inner shell 140.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~Fig. 2a~~ Fig. 3a is a partially broken perspective view thereof, and
~~Fig. 2b~~ Fig. 3b is a partially broken sectional view thereof;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~Figs. 17e~~ Fig. 17e is a sectional view magnifying a cou0pling status of an upper fixture, a lid and a ring member in the welding wire container shown in Fig. 17d; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to a second aspect of the invention to obtain the foregoing objects, ~~it is provided~~ a welding wire container is provided which includes an outer shell for storing welding wire therein, a base plate for closing a lower end of the outer shell and a lid for covering the outer shell, the welding wire container comprising: a fitting projection arranged in a lower inner portion of the outer shell and having a diameter smaller than that of the base

plate for catching and supporting the base plate thereon; and a lower fixture for wrapping the lower end of the outer shell to structurally ~~reinforcing~~ reinforce the same, wherein the lower fixture includes a flange extending along a lower edge of the outer shell and a supporting face folded from the flange and extending along a lower outer periphery of the outer shell. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to a third aspect of the invention to obtain the foregoing objects, ~~it is provided~~ a welding wire container is provided which includes an outer shell for storing welding wire therein and a base plate for closing a lower end of the outer shell, the welding wire container comprising: an upper protrusion enlarged in diameter beyond the outer shell for structurally reinforcing an upper outer portion of the outer shell; a lid sized for covering the outer shell; an upper fixture for fixing and wrapping the lid at an upper end of the outer shell to obtain structural reinforcement, wherein the upper fixture includes a flange extending inward along an outer edge of the lid, a supporting face folded from the flange and extending along an outer periphery of the upper protrusion and a folded groove arranged under the supporting face and having a diameter smaller than that of the upper protrusion; a fitting projection arranged in a lower inner portion of the outer shell and having a diameter smaller than that of the base plate for catching and supporting the base plate thereon; and a lower fixture for wrapping the lower end of the outer shell to structurally ~~reinforcing~~ reinforce the same, wherein the lower fixture includes a flange extending along a lower edge of the outer shell and a supporting face folded from the flange and extending along a lower outer periphery of the outer shell. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Further, a ring member 264 enlarged in diameter can be fitted around the outer shell 110 adjacent to the lower end of the upper fixture 230 and fixedly ~~bond~~ bonded thereto to form the outer shell 260. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Also, the welding wire container 300 according to the second embodiment of the invention includes a lower fixture 307 for wrapping a lower edge of the outer shell 110 to structurally reinforce the same. The lower fixture 307 has an annular flange 308 extending

along the lower edge of the outer shell 110 and a supporting face 309 folded from the flange 308 and extending along a lower outer periphery of the outer shell 110 to further securely ~~reinforcing~~ reinforce the lower end of the outer shell 110 against any external force. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Further, as shown in Fig. 9a, the fitting projection 305 has a construction which is obtained by fixedly bonding a ring member 314 having an outside diameter substantially the same as the inside diameter of the outer shell 110 to an inner lower end ~~of the of the~~ of the outer shell 110. The ring member 314 may be made of paper, and add structural strength to the outer shell 110 to protect the outer shell 110 against any external force. Further, the ring member 264 may be separately made and then readily mounted on the outer shell 110. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The welding wire W received like this strongly presses the intermediate plate 122b and the lower ~~circulate~~ circular plate 122c toward the fitting projection 305 under the self-weight to obtain tight contact therebetween. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As in the first embodiment, the upper fixture 230 has a flange 232 extending along an outer edge of the lid 210, a supporting face 234 folded from the flange 232 and extending along an outer periphery of the upper protrusion 220 and a folded groove 236 in a lower portion of the supporting face 234. The folded groove 236 ~~is having~~ has a diameter smaller than that of the upper protrusion 22. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Further, the welding wire can be stacked in one of the welding wire containers according to the first to fourth ~~embodiment~~ embodiments of the invention to provide a welding wire package, which can be readily carried with the transport jig 450 or 480 ~~and son on~~ and so on. Those components such as the head cap 238 can be mounted on the outer shell 110 to facilitate feeding of the welding wire thereby improving productivity in the welding operation. --